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TAGS: MASS, EG, US

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLANS TO SELL APC'S TO EGYPT

1. APRIL 16 JERUSALEM POST CARRIED ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT WOLF BLITZER ALLEGING THAT ADMINISTRATION  
IS PREPARED TO APPROVE SALE OF 3000 APC'S TO EGYPT SHORTLY  
AFTER PROPOSED AIRCRAFT SALES CLEAR CONGRESS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE  
FOR USE SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE DURING APRIL 18 NOON BRIEF-  
ING.(FYI: NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED APRIL 17.) POSTS ARE  
AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO MEDIA  
INQUIRIES.

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3. TEXT

Q. THE JERUSALEM POST OF APRIL 16 CARRIED AN ARTICLE RE-  
PORTING THAT THE USG IS PREPARING TO SELL 3,000 ARMORED  
PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC'S) TO EGYPT. IS THIS REPORT AC-  
CURATE?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE NO DECISION TO PROPOSE THE SALE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT. EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST HAVE EXPRESSED A

GENERAL INTEREST IN PURCHASING APC'S FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE TOPIC CAME UP BRIEFLY DURING PRESIDENT SADAT'S FEBRUARY VISIT. NO FORMAL REQUEST IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE RECENT BRIEF EXCHANGES HAVE SERVED ONLY TO IDENTIFY EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN THIS ITEM. CHRISTOPHER

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